

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 617, 618, and 619.

Had I been present for rollcall vote 617, on the motion to suspend the Rules and agree to S. Con. Res. 50, expressing the sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model under which the Internet has thrived, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 618, on the motion to suspend the Rules and pass H.R. 6602, to make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements, I would have voted "yes."

Had I been present for rollcall vote 619, on the motion to suspend the Rules and pass S. 2367, to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes, I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING THE THOMPSONS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paula and Homer Thompson on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Paula and Homer were married on December 7, 1962, in the home of Paula's parents in Mineral Wells, Texas. Since that day, they have lived in Carrollton, Texas. During their life together, they raised three children—Tracey Hutcherson, born on May 11, 1965; Scott Thompson, born on February 27, 1972; and Marc Thompson, born on January 30, 1975. They are also the proud grandparents of Joni, Micah, Jorden, and Emma.

Since 1974, Paula and Homer have been active members of the First Baptist Church in Carrollton. They have taught Sunday school, attended adult Sunday school, and sung in both the Sanctuary Choir and Live Wire Choir. The celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary will be held at the church on December 15.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Paula and Homer Thompson on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. This landmark in their lives stands as an example of the timeless value and endurance of mutual honor and dedication.

HONORING MR. DON GLASER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Don Glaser for his service as the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Director. Over the years he has practiced careful and productive stewardship over our nation's water and power resources. His reverence for our natural resources and his commitment to public service have made him an exceptional public servant. This January, Mr. Glaser will continue his efforts in Denver, Colorado, where he will work on several high priority projects for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Glaser has over twenty years of experience with the Bureau of Reclamation, where he has held a number of positions throughout the West and Washington, D.C. He was recently honored with the Department of Interior's highest recognition, the Distinguished Service Award. He has been active in non-profits engaged in water education, open space preservation, and fish and wildlife conservation and restoration. As Regional Director, Mr. Glaser oversaw the management of Reclamation's water projects in an area that encompasses the northern two-thirds of California, most of western Nevada, and part of southern Oregon. His breadth of experience has certainly been an asset to the Mid-Pacific region.

The Central Valley Project (CVP) is perhaps one of the most complicated and intricate federal water projects in the United States. Managing the CVP requires delicately balancing the often conflicting needs of farmers, ranchers, cities, fish, wildlife, tribal communities, and recreational users. As the principal supervisor of projects like the CVP, Mr. Glaser consistently brought the skills necessary to troubleshoot problems. His expertise and ability to foster relationships helped to address the competing needs of all water users, making him a responsible guardian of one of our most precious resources—water.

Mr. Glaser's job called for the ability to address and resolve conflicts, and to understand the nuances and sensitivities of the water resources industry. He has demonstrated a strong grasp of program planning, analysis, policy formulation, and implementation, which enabled him to represent the Department on many difficult issues. Mr. Glaser's capacity to balance local implications and "the big picture" allows him to successfully create innovative solutions to seemingly impossible conflicts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Don Glaser for his tireless dedication to being a conscientious keeper of America's water and power resources. His innovative work and enthusiasm on behalf of the

Bureau of Reclamation make him a role model and source of pride for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL BOWLDS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life of Michael Bowlds, my constituent and a man of unique vision. Michael passed away last month after a courageous battle with cancer. Even until his final days, Michael worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of others.

Michael was an award-winning sales, business development, and marketing professional. A highly regarded government contracting expert, he established Mountaintop Marketing Group, one of the top government marketing firms in the country.

Michael's accomplishments as a business leader were widely recognized. He was named the 2009 "Advocate of the Year" by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency and commended for his leadership, guidance and support in assisting small and minority-owned firms with securing over \$200 million in government contracts in that year alone. Nationally recognized as a leading Minority Business Champion, Michael and Mountaintop Marketing Group hosted the Annual Minority Business Awards Gala in conjunction with Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He was a recipient of the prestigious "Yeti Zanders Outstanding Advocate of the Year" Award presented by the National Capital Area Minority Business Opportunities Center, selected as one of the "2010 Top 25 CEOs" by the Gazette of Business and Politics, and named one of the "50 Powerful Men In Business" by the Minority Enterprise Executive Council.

Michael served as Board Chairman for the National Capital Area Minority Business Opportunities Center Advisory Board and on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and was a founding member and financial underwriter of the Montgomery County Chamber's Government Contracting Network. He also served on the Board of Directors for the National Women's Business Center.

An active member of his community, Michael was deeply involved in mentoring small businesses through the Montgomery County Small Business Mentorship Program. He also was a founding member and instructor of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's Veteran Institute for Procurement.

I send my condolences to his wife Courtney, his three children and his many friends and colleagues throughout our community. He will be deeply missed.

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